

tribute to one of Dallas' truly outstanding citizens. As the Dallas Lawyers Auxiliary gathers tomorrow to give John Andrew Martin its 21st Justinian Award for his volunteer work, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the achievements of this exceptional individual.

Mr. Martin was born and raised in segregated Birmingham, Alabama. From 1962 to 1964, Mr. Martin was an attorney with the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice where he helped enforce the Voting Rights Act and other civil rights laws.

He has a broad legal practice which includes experience in hospital and health care law; administrative law; general business litigation, including appellate work.

Mr. Martin's administrative law experience spans more than 20 years, and includes particular experience in utility regulation. He has been involved in major rate cases, certification proceedings, and show cause hearings before the Public Utility Commission.

For over 20 years, he has served as general counsel to a tertiary care pediatric hospital and has had involvement in all aspects of its operation, including financing, Medicaid-Medicare issues, physician credentialing, medical malpractice insurance issues, equipment financing, and environmental issues, to name a few.

His litigation experience is equally broad and he is certified as a civil trial lawyer. This experience includes securities litigation, general business litigation, and condemnation and eminent domain proceedings and will contests. He appellate practice has occurred before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and in Texas Appellate Courts.

Throughout the years, Mr. Martin has served various civic boards including the YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas and the Children's Medical Center.

Mr. Speaker, significantly I want to honor Mr. Martin, for his courageous work in the

U.S. vs. Cecil Price et al. The trial that followed was a milestone in the civil rights era. Thirty six years ago, a Justice Department team led by Attorney General John Doar and Mr. Martin prosecuted eighteen Klan conspirators, including the Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff of Philadelphia, Mississippi, for violating the civil rights of the three young civil rights workers: James Chaney, Michael Schwerner, and Andrew Goodman. Despite facing an all-white jury and a segregationist judge, the legal team which Mr. Martin was part of succeeded in winning the first convictions ever recorded in a civil rights case in Mississippi.

The film "Mississippi Burning" portrayed those outstanding Americans who have dedicated their lives to the defense of our civil rights. Mr. Martin and his colleagues participated in the Civil Rights Movement, understanding that there was a danger to their own lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in extending my appreciation to John Andrew Martin for over four decades of service to the people of Dallas, Texas and this nation. Congratulations, Mr. Martin and best wishes for future successes.

TRIBUTE TO PULITZER PRIZE WINNING EAGLE TRIBUTE NEWSPAPER—LAWRENCE, MA

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Eagle Tribune, a newspaper in Lawrence, Massachusetts. This week the Eagle Tribune was awarded journalism's high-

est honor the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news, for its coverage of four young children from Lawrence, Massachusetts who drowned in the Merrimack River earlier this year.

The tragedy was one of the worst on the Merrimack River in the last century. Three young boys, ages 7, 8, and 9 attempted to save their friend, age 11, who had fallen through the thin ice. All four young boys died.

Just as these children, so young and innocent, acted upon their first instinct, which was to help their friend, so did the Eagle Tribune reach out to help their community by reporting this story not only with accuracy and depth, but also with compassion and justice. Expressing their commitment to preventing future tragedies on the River, the Eagle Tribune donated their Pulitzer Prize cash award to a fund established to aid the families of the victims and to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lawrence.

As Eagle Tribune publisher Irving "Chip" Rogers III said, "The job of a newspaper is to get the news and publish it instantly, but in doing so we are not immune from its heartbreak." Indeed, the reporters and staff of the Eagle Tribune, led by metro editor Gretchen Putnam, with reporters Jim Patten, O'Ryan Johnson, and Jason Grosky, covered the story with a deep sense of grief and regret felt by both the reporters and the community, while maintaining a stunning truthfulness.

The Eagle Tribune produced excellence at a time when our communities depend on fair and accurate news coverage more than ever. The paper and its reporters are to be commended not only for their excellence in journalism and professionalism, but also for their compassion and generosity in the face of tragedy. They are role models for all of us in public service.